

1 of work be prepared only by a registered architect or registered engineer, no permit shall
2 be issued unless the plans and specifications bear the North Carolina seal of a registered
3 architect or of a registered engineer. When any provision of the General Statutes of North
4 Carolina or of any ordinance requires that work be done by a licensed specialty contractor
5 of any kind, no permit for the work shall be issued unless the work is to be performed by
6 such a duly licensed contractor. No permit issued under Articles 9 or 9C of Chapter 143
7 shall be required for any construction, installation, repair, replacement, or alteration
8 costing five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less in any single family residence or farm
9 building unless the work involves: the addition, repair or replacement of load bearing
10 structures; the addition (excluding replacement of same size and capacity) or change in
11 the design of plumbing; the addition, replacement or change in the design of heating, air
12 conditioning, or electrical wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment; the use of materials
13 not permitted by the North Carolina Uniform Residential Building Code; or the addition
14 (excluding replacement of like grade of fire resistance) of roofing. Violation of this
15 section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

16 (b) No permit shall be issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for any
17 land-disturbing activity, as defined in G.S. 113A-52(6), for any activity covered by
18 G.S. 113A-57, unless an erosion and sedimentation control plan has been approved by the
19 Sedimentation Pollution Control Commission pursuant to G.S. 113A-54(d)(4) or by a
20 local government pursuant to G.S. 113A-61 for the site of the activity or a tract of land
21 including the site of the activity

22 (c) When a railroad company has filed railroad corridor maps pursuant to
23 G.S. 136-199, then the following provisions of this subsection shall apply. To preserve
24 and protect railroad corridors for safety and future use and recognizing the right of the
25 railroad to use its corridors at any time in the future, no permit shall be issued pursuant to
26 subsection (a) of this section for activity within a railroad corridor before the inspection
27 department with jurisdiction over the site of the work or activity has verified that written
28 consent has been obtained from the railroad company as required by this subsection. The
29 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to permits issued under subsection (a) of this
30 section solely for repairs of existing buildings, plumbing systems, heating or cooling
31 equipment systems, or electrical wiring, devices or appliances and equipment.

32 (1) For those permit applications for work or activity within a railroad
33 corridor, the inspection department with jurisdiction over the site of
34 the work or activity shall require as a condition of granting a permit
35 that the permit applicant obtain the written consent of the railroad
36 company by contacting the railroad company, by certified mail, return
37 receipt requested, through its current registered agent at the address on
38 file with the North Carolina Department of Secretary of State.

39 (2) The railroad company shall have 60 days from receipt of the request
40 for written consent made under this subsection to approve, deny with
41 an explanation or respond with its requirements. Failure to respond to
42 the request for written consent within 60 days shall be deemed to be
43 approval of the request for written consent by the railroad company
44 unless the railroad owns the railroad corridor in fee simple. Nothing
45 herein shall be construed to alter or affect the property rights of the
46 railroad or adjacent or underlying landowners.